

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

1. (Currently Amended) A consumable guide tube, comprising:
 - a first elongated strip and a second elongated strip wherein each of said strips have a front face, ~~and~~ a back face and a length;
 - at least one longitudinal channel defined on said front face of said first elongated strip;
 - said front face of said first elongated strip joined to said front face of said second elongated strip;
 - said at least one longitudinal channel positioned to receive at least one welding wire; and
 - a plurality of insulator modules coupled to said back face of said first elongated strip and said back face of said second elongated strip wherein said plurality of insulators are disposed along said length of said first elongated strip and said second elongated strip.

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9. (Secondly Amended) A consumable guide tube used in an electroslag process, said consumable guide tube configured to guide at least one welding wire into a welding cavity and transmits amperage to said at least one welding wire, comprising:

a first elongated strip and a second elongated strip where said first elongated strip and said second elongated strip each has a front face, ~~and~~ a back face and a length;

at least one longitudinal channel defined on said front face of said first elongated strip configured to receive at least one welding wire;

said front face of said first elongated strip joined to said front face of said second elongated strip; and

a plurality of insulator modules coupled to said back face of said first elongated strip and said back face of said second elongated strip wherein said plurality of insulators are disposed along said length of said first elongated strip and said second elongated strip.

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13. (Currently Amended) A consumable guide tube, comprising:

a thin first elongated strip having a front face, ~~and~~ a back face and a length, said front face having at least one longitudinal channel;

a second elongated strip having a front face, ~~and~~ a back face and a length, said front face of said second elongated strip configured to be coupled to said front face of said thin first elongated strip;

a plurality of insulator modules coupled to said back face of said first elongated strip and said back face of said second elongated strip wherein said plurality of insulators are disposed along said length of said first elongated strip and said second elongated strip.

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